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## Meeting Notice

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### **Health Disparities Council to consider two panels' recommendations**

*Thursday, Sept. 13, Department of Health, Point Plaza East, Tumwater*

OLYMPIA – Policy recommendations from two committees will come before the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities when it meets Thursday in Tumwater.

The council will consider recommendations from its advisory committees on Behavioral Health Disparities and on Poverty and Health Disparities. Also on the agenda is an update about the Department of Health's Community Transformation Grant. Briefings are set on state efforts to address adverse childhood experiences, and on the council's State System and Health Disparities workgroup.

The term "health disparities" describes the higher rates of disease, disability, and death among certain groups when compared to the general population. Serious disparities among racial/ethnic groups in Washington are well documented.

The council is to meet Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Washington State Department of Health, Point Plaza East, Rooms 152/153, 310 Israel Road S.E., Tumwater. The meeting is open to the public, members of which may provide comments at 1 p.m.

More information is available on the [Health Disparities Council website](#) ([healthequity.wa.gov](http://healthequity.wa.gov)) or by calling the state Board of Health office, 360-236-4110.

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